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Attention: Susan A. Hutcheson

Dear Ms. Hutcheson:

Re: Canadian Patent Application No. 316,358  
Cigarette Filter System of  
Filosa and Claflin

Thank you for your letter of April 30, 1980. In compliance with your instructions, we have now proceeded with the preparation and filing of an amendment answering the outstanding Examiner's Report in this application and we enclose a copy of our submission to the Patent Office, together with our account for our services.

The Canadian examiner had rejected claims 1, 8 and 11 and we have merely incorporated the recitations of claims 2, 9 and 12 into old claims 1, 8 and 11. Obviously, we do not know whether or not these claims are patentably distinct from the various citations by the U.S. and British Patent Offices, since we do not know the teachings of these references.

We will now await the reaction of the Examiner but you can appreciate that he may have some further objections in view of the U.S. and British citations. We will keep you advised.

Yours very truly,

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